

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a disgraceful tactic and a serious blow to the very notion of "public" airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the only interests served are those of a right-wing political agenda and the bottom lines of those giant companies.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The FCC has one mandate from the citizens of this country: fairness. Sinclair Broadcasting is challenging that doctrine and should be prevented from doing so at all costs.